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FOR AMBASSADOR WHITE FROM BUSHNELL

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TAGS: SHUM, PA

SUBJECT: AUGUST 18 MEETING OF THE INTER-AGENCY GROUP
DISCUSSIONS AFFECTING PARAGUAY

REFERENCE: ASUNCION 3336

1. THE INTER-AGENCY GROUP CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THE ARGU-
MENTS WHICH YOU RAISED IN REFTEL. HOWEVER, THE PERSPEC-
TIVES IN ADDITION TO PARAGUAYAN CONSIDERATIONS HAVE TO BE
TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, ESPECIALLY OUR POSITION IN THE IFI'S.
WE BELIEVE THAT THE AID AND IDB RESULTS NOTED BELOW WILL
NEED A CAREFUL EXPLANATION TO THE PARAGUAYANS BOTH IN
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WASHINGTON AND ASUNCION OF THE IMPORTANT DISTINCTION
BETWEEN BHN AND NON-BHN ITEMS.

2. AID. (A) TWO AID LOANS TOTALING OVER \$10 MILLION WERE
WITHDRAWN FROM CONSIDERATION. THE COMMITTEE WAS INFORMED
THAT THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR THE LOANS HAD BEEN REALLO-
CATED ELSEWHERE IN LATIN AMERICA AND COULD NO LONGER BE

REPROGRAMMED FOR PARAGUAY IN FY 78 AND WERE UNLIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE IN FY 79.

(B) BILINGUAL EDUCATION GRANT OF \$171,000 WAS APPROVED.

3. IDB. SINCE THE \$10 MILLION IN AID FUNDS CONSTITUTES A CLEAR SIGNAL OF OUR CONTINUED CONCERN FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN PARAGUAY, THE GROUP FELT ABLE TO APPROVE A SMALLER AMOUNT IN BHN ITEMS. THESE WERE THE \$4.9 MILLION IDB LOAN, THE \$250,000 FSO GRANT FOR RURAL PUBLIC HEALTH, AND AID ITEM 2.B. ABOVE. APPROVAL OF THESE ITEMS ALSO TAKES NOTE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRESS PARAGUAY HAS ACHIEVED.

4. OPIC. THE GROUP RECOMMENDED TO OPIC APPROVAL OF GULF AND WESTERN'S (LIVESTOCK) AND CUNA'S (CREDIT COOPERATIVE) OPIC REGISTRATIONS, NOTING THERE IS NO GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT IN THE OPERATIONS.

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